

FACILITIES IN KINGS CANYON PARK & USFS AREA

Grant Grove Area

GRANT GROVE VILLAGE

6600' (2008 m) elevation. This was originally General Grant National Park, created in 1890 to protect sequoias from logging. Here you can see both a pristine grove & one that was logged in the 1800s. In addition to picnicking (see page 3), the village offers:

INFORMATION

- **Visitor Center (NPS):** Daily 8am-5pm through 10/29, then 9am-4:30pm. Exhibits may close for remodeling starting November, reopening by summer of 2006. Information desk remains open: books, maps, first aid. Local wilderness permits issued 8am-4pm through 10/29, then 9am-4pm. 559-565-4307.

FOOD & SHOPS (KCPS)

- **Restaurant:** Through 10/22: 8am-2pm & 5-7pm Sunday-Thursday (Friday-Saturday until 8pm). Starting 10/23 9am-2pm & 5-7pm (open until 8pm Friday-Saturday).
- **Gift Shop:** Through 10/22 9am-7pm (Friday-Saturday until 8pm). Starting 10/23 9am-6pm (open until 7pm Friday-Saturday). Souvenirs, film, clothing. ATM in lobby.
- **Market:** Through 10/22 9am-7pm (Friday-Saturday until 8pm). Starting 10/23 9am-6pm (Friday-Saturday until 7pm). Supplies, bear canisters, emergency gasoline.

OTHER SERVICES

- **Camping & Lodging:** See page 10-11 for details.
- **Showers (KCPS):** Closed for season.
- **Post Office:** Hours may vary. Monday 10-11:30am; Tuesday- Friday 9am-4pm, & Saturday 9-11:30am. Lobby & stamp machine 24 hours. Address visitor mail: c/o General Delivery, Kings Canyon NP, CA 93633. 1-559-335-2499.

Cedar Grove Area:

Highway 180 from Junction View into the canyon remains open until noon, November 7, weather permitting.

CEDAR GROVE VILLAGE

4600' (1410 m) elevation. This glaciated valley features towering granite cliffs, tumbling waterfalls, and the powerful Kings River — “a rival to the Yosemite,” according to John Muir. In summer the area offers picnicking (see page 3) and horseback riding (now closed for the season), as well as:

INFORMATION

- **Visitor Center (NPS):** Closed for the season. Check bulletin boards for information.
- **Wilderness Permits (NPS):** Self register at Road's End, 6 miles (9.6 km) east of the village. See details on page 4.
- **Camping (NPS):** Last night 11/6. Details on page 11.

FOOD, LODGING & SHOPS (KCPS) - Closes 10/16.

- **Restaurant:** Closes at 11am 10/16. Counter-service meals & snack bar (not a full-service restaurant). Weekdays 8-10:30am & 5-7pm; weekends 8am-2pm & 5-7pm (lunch supplies available at market).
- **Gift Shop & Market:** Salads, sandwiches, supplies, bear canisters, souvenirs, film. Daily 8am-7pm through 10/15.
- **Lodging:** Last night 10/15. See page 10 for details.
- **Showers & Laundry:** Daily 8am-6pm (shower closed 1-3pm for cleaning). Last day open 10/15. Get shower key at market. Last laundry load in by 1 hour before closing.

RANGER PROGRAMS

In the fall, park rangers offer free walks and talks on some weekends in Grant Grove. Check local bulletin boards and visitor centers for schedules.

USFS: National Forest & Monument

HUME LAKE & BIG MEADOWS AREAS (FS)

Giant Sequoia National Monument, part of Sequoia National Forest, borders much of the western edge of these National Parks. You are in National Forest when you drive between the park areas of Lodgepole and Grant Grove, and between Grant Grove and Cedar Grove (see page 2 for more on Parks and Forests). Sold to the government as a Forest Reserve in 1935, it is an excellent place to see recovery from the intensive logging of the late 1800s. Snowy in winter, in summer it offers picnicking & horseback riding (see page 3) as well as:

INFORMATION

- **USFS Hume Lake District Office (FS):** 35860 Kings Canyon Road (Hwy 180) in Dunlap, 19 miles (31 km) west of Kings Canyon Park entrance at Big Stump. Weekdays 8am-4:30pm. Maps, books. 1-559-338-2251; www.fs.fed.us/r5/sequoia.

OTHER SERVICES

- **Camping (FS) & Lodging (private):** See pages 10 & 11 for details.
- **Historic Guard Station at Big Meadows (FS):** See page 10.
- **Boyden Cavern:** Last day open 11/6. On Hwy 180 between Grant Grove & Cedar Grove. Cave tours on the hour 10am-5pm; holiday weekends (Saturday-Monday) 9am-6pm. \$10 ages 14 & up; \$9 62 & over; \$5 ages 3-13; under 3 free. AAA discounts. 1-209-736-2708.
- **Stony Creek Village & Lodge (FS):** Open until 11am on 11/9, weather permitting. Market 8am-7pm (8pm Friday-Saturday); showers 8am-5pm. Restaurant closed. 1-866-KCANYON or 1-559-565-3909.
- **Montecito-Sequoia Resort (FS):** A permitted resort on public land, open year-round. On Generals Highway, 9 miles (14.5km) south of Grant Grove. Breakfast 8-9:30am, lunch 12-1:30pm, dinner 6-7:30pm (hospitality/sandwich bar until 10pm). Cabins, hotel, children's activities; cross-country skiing in winter. 1-800-843-8677 or 559-565-3388.
- **Hume Lake:** Private facilities open to public; 8 miles (13 km) north of Grant Grove on Hwy 180 then 3 miles (5 km) south on Hume Lake Road. Laundry (coin operated 24-hour) & gas station (24 hours with credit card). General Store: Daily 8am-5pm. Snack bar hours vary. Call for details: 1-559-335-2000.

GASOLINE SALES

Year-round, 24 hours/day with credit card at **Hume Lake** (or during General Store hours - see *Hume Lake* above). At **Stony Creek Village** until 10/9, 24 hours/ day with credit card (weather permitting; see *Stony Creek Village* above). At **Kings Canyon Lodge** (usually 9am-dark) into November. See *Rules of the Road*, page 5, for more details.

